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HIGH SCHOOL PICNIC

"Hurrah! A High School Picnic." "Isn't that fine?" Friday, the 26th of April, an all High Picnic will be held in the wood north of town. All pupils will be required to report at the building at 8:45 and cars will be waiting to carry us all. You are required to attend this picnic, as it is on Friday. If you fail to report you will be counted absent and given a zero for the day's work.

The following Committees have been appointed to carry out the plans:

General Committee—

Miss Gates
Miss Stewart
Joe Anderson
Kirk Myers
Edith Wallis

Eats Committee—

Miss Miller
Miss Boyd
Marie Judge
Dorothy Harriman
Lester Gray
Ethelyn Colburn

Games and Amusements—

Mr. Thompson
Miss Barnes
Lucile Lang
Dorothy McCarroll
Lester Sauvain
Joe Anderson

Transportation Committee—

Miss Thornburg
Mr. Singer
Norman Corneillensen
Don Smith
Harriet Tilden
Robert Potter

Now! to make this a success, we want the co-operation of every pupil. We are all planning on a good time, and it depends on Y-O-U whether we have it. "Do Your Bit."

ON THE SEA

She was leaning o'er the rail
And was looking deathly pale,
Was she looking for a whale?
Not at all.

She was papa's only daughter,
Casting bread upon the water
In a way she hadn't oughter,
That was all.—Ex.

RESERVE WORK

Many of our boys have felt the call to patriotic duty and for the last month, we have seen them deeply absorbed in study. Many times we have heard that it is the duty of High School boys to remain at home, finish their education and be ready for all responsibilities which will come later on. However, it is exceedingly hard for a red-blooded, patriotic American not to be doing something definite for his country. Thus when Uncle Sam sent out a call for the Working Reserve about thirty of our Ames High School boys answered willingly to the call.

The following have left to work on farms: Eugene Watkins, Earl Johnson, Harry Stewart, Ted Jones, Nevin Innes, Lester Johnson, Edgar Jacobson, Waldo McDowell, Roy Bennett, Jona Tesdall, Marvin Sogard, Forrest Clark, Edward Judge, Donald Finch, George Puffett, Byron Gunder, Wayne Cupps, Roy Hess, Ferrel Safley and Victor Beach.

BIG STAG PICNIC

The boys of the High School will be hosts of the eighth grade boys at a big annual stag picnic under the auspices of the High "Y" Club, tomorrow from right after school till dark. Before supper Bob Thompson will have charge of a field meet in which all the boys will get a chance to show what they can do. A baseball game, boxing, wrestling, and a soccer game will also find a place on the program before the eats which will consist of buns, weenies, apples, pickles and marshmallows. Most of the money will come from the "Y" treasury, but the hat will be passed to the high school boys with the limit running from a smile to a dime.

After supper there will be stories and talks around the fire. Some good "chatter" from "Y" headquarters will be here with something that will interest all the boys. Whether you have any interest in "Y" or not, come out to the picnic and give the eighth grade boys and yourself a good time.

POPULARITY CONTEST

The voting in the popularity contest will take place next Wednesday in the lower halls. "Bud" Gray has this contest in charge, as well as the working up of the circulation of the Annual. The contest is to be run in connection with orders of the Annual, and the pictures of the winning two or three girls will appear in the Annual Beauty Section.

Everybody that orders an Annual and deposits the twenty-five cents which must accompany every order will be given two votes. Everybody that pays the full fifty cents for the Annual gets three votes. Regular subscribers will get a twenty per cent rebate, that is, they can get three votes and an Annual for forty cents, or else pay only fifteen cents when they get their Annual May twenty-sixth. Anyone who gets ten or more orders for Annuals from people not connected directly with the High School will be allowed full voting power on all such subscriptions and will be given an Annual free provided the orders are in before Friday of next week. Outside orders ought not to be hard to get for the Annual will contain pictures of all the boys in the service, and Seniors and under classmen, as well as complete reviews of the year from every standpoint, and much original "stuff" that will be interesting to everyone that knows any high school people or has sympathy with young folks.

Pick out your girl from the list below, back her to the limit, and show that Ames has got the "old pep." From the following list, the prettiest, most popular, and most influential girls in Ames High School will be chosen next Wednesday:

Neva Snook
Beatrice Olsan
Lucile Lang
Dorothy McCarroll
Ethelyn Colburn
Gilberta Luke
Fern Grover
Dorothy Harriman
Edith Wallis
Theresa Judge
Marjorie Beam

**The Bi-Weekly News Issue of
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AMES HIGH SCHOOL**

IT'S UP TO THE GIRLS

Anybody with half an eye can see how plainly "it's up to the girls now." Of course, at all times the girls count more than the boys think they do, and have enough direct or indirect influence to make or break anything, but now there is no mere "of course" to it. When we came back to school with our best boys in the service, it was up to the girls and the boys that were left, to do their best, and things have been accomplished, but now all the older boys are going, except a very few who for various reasons can't, and it is up to the girls alone.

There is only one thing now worth considering, and that is the war and our part in winning it. Everything else is small and selfish. Girls the boys over there are doing more than their bit, the boys who have gone on the farms have gone to hard work, aching muscles and often monotony much worse than school. It's up to you! You may be giving more than seems your share, but you can not do too much! Are there going to be enough bandages when the Allied drive comes? Is money wasted on clothes and idle pleasure going to cost the lives of our forty-one because they did not have proper equipment and ammunition? IT'S UP TO YOU, GIRLS. WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

STUDENT OPINION

I have been keenly interested in and deeply concerned about, the recent agitation for a dancing Ames High School. I think that for the most part, those who have favored the introduction of this form of amusement have been prompted largely by the desire to provide some social amusement which would promote a broader acquaintanceship and a more democratic spirit among the students of Ames High. If such is the spirit of those who have agitated this subject, and if they are willing to subject their own desires to the good of the whole high school, their agitation is taken in a most friendly and sympathetic spirit, and they should be answered either favorably or unfavorably. Such is the purpose of this article.

When we say "for the good of all concerned," whom do we mean? The school is a community institution

and as such is provided for you as pupils, by the people of the community, and the responsibility for its successful running is placed upon the school board, the superintendent and the teachers. Then in considering the introduction into our high school, of such a far reaching social custom and one about which there are such varying opinions, we should be guided largely by the beliefs, the influences and the interests of these groups.

After reading the articles in the Spirit relative to the dance and upon hearing the discussion which immediately followed, I started to investigate this subject from these three angles. First, I talked with various students to find out what the student sentiment is in this matter. As a result of this inquiry, I found that there is not a united sentiment favoring dancing in Ames High School. Many students favor it because they think it would promote a broader acquaintanceship and more democratic spirit here, while others oppose it because they think it would serve just the opposite purpose and provide amusement for only a limited number.

In the second place, I investigated this question from the standpoint of the teachers, and here again I found a division of opinion. By no means were all agreed that it would be advisable to introduce dancing as a form of amusement in Ames High School.

Then I inquired from principals of fifteen representative schools about the size of, or larger than, Ames (Continued on Page 3.)

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GUS MARTIN

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High School, asking them to state whether or not dancing was sanctioned in their high schools, and to give reasons for favoring or opposing this form of amusement.

Again, I found a wide difference of opinion. In some of the very large schools of the state located in cities such as Davenport, Mason City, and Keokuk dancing is allowed, but in high schools nearer our size, such as Boone, Marshalltown, Grinnell, Newton, Indianola, Ft. Dodge, and Red Oak dancing is not allowed. The reasons given in opposition to dancing in high school in practically every case was that it is a questionable amusement—that is an amusement upon which, by no means, a majority of people agree that it is right and best—and, since the school is a community institution and for the entire people, there should be introduced no questionable amusement, in which all of the people or at least a majority could not participate.

Since these facts exist it would be far more desirable to compromise on some forms of amusement upon which practically everyone is agreed and in which practically all can participate. Any such amusements would have the hearty support of practically all pupils, parents, and authorities and would promote a broader, acquaintanceship, and a more democratic and friendly spirit among every one concerned.

Furthermore, it would not stir up opposition in the community among people who would seriously object to the dance and as a result would refuse to lend such unselfish support to the high school as they have given in the past.

To provide for this, all high school social stunt which will meet the approval and support of all, a picnic has been planned. This, I believe, will furnish a good time for all and will be questioned by none. Since investigation has proved that the dance is not possible or advisable, (under the circumstances,) let's all get together and boost for a good time and the success of the picnic Friday, April 26.—A. J. S.

SPRING ATHLETICS

With track, football and tennis in progress from now to the end of May each boy can find something in the way of athletic work to keep him from getting the spring fever or loafitis.

Monday and Wednesday evenings

Stratford Suits for Spring

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there will be practice at rudimentary football, such as kicking, passing, catching, carrying, charging and working on signals. This will be carried on at the Fair Grounds.

Tuesday and Friday there will be track practice on the college track. The first track meet will be the home meet for the Jeansen cup. This event will be put on as soon as the boys are in condition for it. The best track boys in their respective events will be sent to some of the invitation and state meets if they become good enough to make a good showing.

The spring tennis tournament will start immediately. All those wishing to compete should hand their names to Mr. Thompson before Friday noon of this week as he intends to post pairings by Friday, 3:30.

L. C. TALLMAN

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NEWS

Ada Meltzer and Mabel Rogers were Des Moines visitors Saturday.

Edna Wearth has decided to try double harness. We sincerely hope she finds it a success.

Lucille Lang motored to St. Anthony Thursday evening.

Miss Barnes is back in school again. Her pupils have enjoyed teaching her classes in gymnasium.

In Ag.—How do your stamp out the Hessian fly?

Norma C—Step on it.

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A RUSSIAN HONEYMOON

Senior Class Play

May 10

Exciting? Surely. Amusing? All the time. Critics say that of all the pretty comedies which have been seen on the board of the Madison Square Theatre, "A Russian Honeymoon," by Mrs. Burton Harrison is the prettiest and among the most successful. And now thru the untiring efforts of the General Director and Manager, Miss Mildred Sprague, an unrivaled amateur cast has been procured to produce this interesting play in the High School Auditorium, May 10. Don't miss it.

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Ames, Iowa, Friday, May 10, 1918

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Alexis Petrovitch, a Journeyman (afterward Gustave, Count Woroffski) Barclay Noble Poleska, His wife Gilberta Luke Baroness Vladimir, His sister Lillie Robertson Ivan, a master shoemaker Lyman Osam Micheline, his daughter Edith Wallis Koulikoff Demetrovitch, Intendant of the Chateau Woroffski Harold Kooser Osip, a young Peasant Lester Sauvain

FACES WANTED

There is still a bunch of soldier pictures that we have not been able to get. We want our patriotic section to be a success and each of our Ames High's Soldier Boys should be represented. If large pictures cannot be gotten snap-shots can be used. The very best care will be taken of them and they will be returned. They must be handed in this week to Gilberta Luke or Martha Leason. If you know where to get a picture of the following and will hand it in it will surely be appreciated:

Douglas Waitley
Harold Loughran
Giford Terry
Art Balingier
Ralph Lewis
Vaugh Hunter
Bill Nelson
Leonord Deal

MISS MILLS

We were all dreadfully disappointed when we heard that Miss Mills was not coming back again this year. It was, perhaps, not until then that we really and truly appreciated every effort she had put forth to help us. Her interest in us, made us do things to please her that probably otherwise would have been neglected.

If she comes back next year, and we certainly hope she may, we who are leaving will envy the Juniors!

Mrs. Anderson, who supplied for Miss Mills at first, has also left and Mrs. Childs is filling Miss Mill's place. We all welcome Mrs. Childs and hope we can learn to enjoy English literature as she does.

LUCILE LANG ASSISTANT EDITOR

Nevin Innes, who as Assistant Editor has been carrying a big part of the Spirit work, has gone to the Sand Hills of Nebraska, where he is in productive work. There is one girl in A. H. S. who has made a name for herself as being peppy and capable and willing to push everything. Lucile Lang has been selected to fill Nev's shoes, and believe me its some job. She will have charge very largely, of the Spirit.

Shh-h-h! Listen Girls! The next issue of the Spirit is to be a suffrage issue, and will be left entirely in the hands of girls. No boy's names will be found in this issue! Just remember the boys are from Missouri.

He—May I take you to the dance?
Gilberta Luke—I don't believe I can go. But I will introduce you to a very beautiful and clever girl.

He—I don't want a beautiful and clever girl—I want you.

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